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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

CURRENT LAW

In general, a shoreland is defined as the area within the following distances from the ordinary high-water mark of a navigable body of water: (a) 1,000 feet from a lake, pond, or flowage; or (b) the greater of 300 feet from a river or stream or to the landward side of the floodplain.

Under current law, every county must enact a shoreland zoning ordinance for the shorelands in the unincorporated parts of the county. If the county does not enact such an ordinance, or if the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) determines that the ordinance does not meet certain standards, the DNR can adopt a shoreland zoning ordinance for that county.

PROPOSED LAW

Under the bill, a shoreland zoning ordinance adopted by a county or by the DNR does not apply to shorelands that meet all of the following standards: (a) the majority of the buildings and structures in the affected area have been used, from January 1, 1990 to the date the bill takes effect, to conduct the affairs of small business, (b) all the roads in the area are paved, (c) the area receives public water and sewer service; and (d) the area meets all the other requirements that the DNR specifies by rule.

FISCAL EFFECT

The bill will require counties to amend their shoreland zoning ordinances. Counties will therefore incur one-time costs to make such amendments. It is possible that the ordinance changes could increase landowner challenges regarding land use in shoreland areas, leading to ongoing costs for counties. The Department of Revenue (DOR) does not have information to reasonably estimate these costs.

The bill has no effect on DOR administrative costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications